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970th AACCS Top Scope champions!

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On the Cover...



Photo by Capt. Rich Curry

From left: Maj. Charles Diven, Capt. George Mayleben, SSgt. Lamond Tate, 513th Air Control Group Commander Col. Kenneth Suggs, the trophy, Capt. Greg Leist, Capt. William Robertson, and MSgt. Ray Hudgens, 552nd Operations Support Squadron. Story on page 4.



You

By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th ARW Commander

We strive to accomplish many day-to-day tasks in our wing. Everything we do centers around "you," the reservist, "you," the Air Reserve Technician, and "you," the civilian members of our organization.

We recruit you, we train you, we equip you, and we work to retain you because you are very important to our success. In fact, you can make or break the success of our wing. As we approach the transition from spring to summer and close in on the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I ask you to be careful. You are an *integral* part of our team. You see, we can't be who we are without YOU!

It saved our lives!

By TSgt. Wayne Smith
507th ARW Safety Office

Greetings! The 507th Air Refueling Wing Safety Office did a seat belt survey in February. Of the 116 vehicles observed leaving the wing's parking lots, only 83 percent of them had occupants wearing seat belts. Remember, it is an Oklahoma and Tinker AFB law to wear seat belts in a moving vehicle.

I would like to share a quick, real life story from our administration specialist's friend who recently sent her a letter regarding seatbelts and gave us permission publish the following excerpt.

Sorry I haven't been in touch lately. Haylie and I were in a bad car accident on Wednesday morning. I hit a bump and a patch of ice and lost control of Janice's car. We went off the road in a ditch and flipped the car 2 or 3 times. It was really scary, but thankfully we were both OK. The seat belt and car seat saved our lives. Haylie just got a bruise on her shoulder from the strap and other than that she is fine, but she does remember it. I'm not too bad off either. I got glass under the back of my right hand and seven stitches after they got it out. My left hand pinkie had a hairline fracture and was really swollen and bruised. I also got a real bad seat belt burn and banged my head pretty bad. I still have bumps and cuts, but I walked away from it and am here to complain, so I guess I should count my blessings.

If you are not in the habit of wearing seat belts, we hope this will help you to reconsider.

Have a good UTA, and I'll see you on the line.

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McIntosh Sends

By Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh
Chief of Air Force Reserve



Many of you are beneficiaries of the base exchange's Deferred Payment Plan. DPP allows you to take advantage of the BX's prices and specials while saving the BX millions of dollars in outside credit card fees. The Deferred Payment Plan can also aid members in establishing a good credit record.

Unfortunately, we have more than 800 reservists, officer and enlisted alike, who are more than 60 days late in making their DPP payments. The BX is taking action to collect from reservists with overdue accounts, including using commercial debt collectors. Lack of financial responsibility can carry serious civilian and military penalties and may irreparably damage your credit rating. We have worked long and hard to earn this benefit; don't abuse it.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1998

I am proud to salute the men and women of the United States Air Force Reserve Command for a half-century of dedicated service.

For 50 years, you have helped to preserve our freedom, promote democracy, and advance American interests around the world. Through five decades of challenge and change, America's Air Force Reservists have set the highest standards of professionalism and accomplishment. With quiet resolve, you leave your civilian lives to serve your country when called, often at great personal sacrifice. As warriors, peacekeepers, healers, and builders, you have played a vital part in the Air Force tradition of service.

I commend each of you for your commitment to ensuring that the United States has the finest military force in the world. You can reflect with pride on your success and on your significant contributions to military, peacetime, and humanitarian operations in America and across the globe. As you celebrate the Air Force Reserve's 50th anniversary, I thank you on behalf of a grateful nation for all you do to preserve America's security and to promote world peace. Best wishes for a memorable celebration and every future success.

Bob McIntosh

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Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Elaine Henderson
507th ARW Chaplains' Office

Joe was driving home on a cold, rainy night. With the recent closure of the factory, he had been scouting for a job all day.

Slowly he pulled his old, beat-up Pontiac in front of a lady stranded on the side of the road with a flat tire. Joe said, "I'm here to help you Ma'am. My name is Joe. Just sit in the car where it's warm."

He changed the tire and she asked how much she owed him. Joe had never thought twice about money. He was just helping someone in need.

She kept insisting so he said, "If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone in need, help them and think of me."

A few miles down the road she saw a restaurant and decided to stop. The waitress brought her a towel to use on her wet hair. The waitress was about 8 months pregnant. She was tired, but willing to wait on her customers. The lady smiled to herself and remembered Joe.

After the meal, the waitress went to get the lady's change for a \$100.00 bill. But the lady left the change and on the table and a note: "You don't owe me a thing. Someone once helped me the way I'm helping you."

The waitress went home smiling. How could the lady have known that the waitress and her husband needed the money so much? She knew how worried her husband was. As she crawled into bed next to him, she kissed him softly and whispered, "Everything's gonna be all right. I love you, Joe."

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Feature Story

Appearing as "the new kids on the block," Air Battle Managers from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron can tell you what it is like to compete in the Air Force's premiere NORAD competition. They tell you what it's like to sweat blood, check, and double check and then during the heat of the battle scramble to perform for all the right moves. And when it was over, what it's like to ...

Bring home the gold

By TSgt. Stan Paregien
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Air Battle Managers (ABM) from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS), Air Force Reserve, won the Air Force's premiere North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Battle Management competition last month.

The 970th AACS is the flying squadron of the 513th Air Control Group, an Air Force Reserve Associate Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) unit located here at Tinker AFB.

The six-day competition, called Top Scope '98, was held at Tinker AFB, Okla., and Tyndall AFB, Fla., March 25 - 31. The contest measured the knowledge, situational awareness, and technical skills of the NORAD ABMs responsible for the air sovereignty of the United States and Canada. Fourteen teams participated from the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard, Canadian Forces and Oklahoma's Air Force Reserve unit, the nation's first and only E-3 AWACS associate reserve unit.

The 970th AACS won the YUKLA-27 Trophy for Best AWACS Team, and combined with the Western Air Defense Sector, garnered the NORAD Team Award (Best Combined AWACS and Region Air Operations Center Team) in the intense competition. Three members of the 970th AACS team also received recognition as being the "best of the best" in individual events. Capt. Greg Leist was named the Best Senior Director in NORAD, Capt. George Mayleben, the Best Weapons Director, and MSgt. Raymond Hudgens,



Photo by Capt. Rich Curry

Recipe for success: Stir ingredients of experience, training, teamwork, and dedication into a "Total Force" pan. Add a pinch of urgency and a challenging scenario. The result is a main course that's "WELL DONE."

an active duty member from the 552nd Air Control Wing who was augmenting the reserve team, was named the Best Battle Director Technician. The reserve crew placed either first or second in every individual AWACS competition category.

The victories represented a total force win. The 970th is an Air Force Reserve Command unit and the Western Air Defense Command is from the Air National Guard. This was the first time an all reserve component team took the top team award.

"We are continuing to build bridges between active duty and reserve forces here at Tinker. The total force team is made stronger by this mixture. Our associate program is a testament to the strength of active duty and reserve crews working together to augment each other. Many folks in the 513th Air Control Group have come to us from active duty. Our program allows the Air Force to retain this incredible knowledge and experience base. The Air Force Reserve Command associate program not only keeps highly

qualified people in the military, it helps reduce the strain of active duty operations tempo. I am very proud of our total force team and the individual award winners," said Col. Kenneth D. Suggs, commander of the 513th ACG.

Each team defended an imaginary island nation against air attack, working together to detect, identify and counter hostile aircraft entering sovereign airspace.

"The caliber of competition at Top Scope '98 was outstanding and I wish to congratulate all of the participants, especially the winning teams," said Gen. Howell Estes III, NORAD Commander-in-Chief. "Top Scope provides an opportunity for air defense personnel to demonstrate and

sharpen their skills in an environment of high level competition against some of the world's best air controllers."

North America's top military radar and air control specialists pushed each other to the limit. "Top Scope was the most challenging competition yet, because each of the three phases required specialized, in-depth knowledge of NORAD regulations and procedures. In phase one, we controlled a peacetime mission, applying both peacetime and transition rules of engagement. During phase two, we immediately shifted into a wartime scenario, concluding phase three with a difficult test of NORAD regulations," said Maj. Charles Diven, Mission Crew Commander of the best team and a second place individual winner.

"We were prepared and ready because we took a serious, focused approach with an intense game plan which prepared us to attack the scenarios and tests," Maj. Diven said. "MSgt. Ray Hudgens of the 552nd Air Control Wing was a real spark plug who added a lot to our team because of his enthusiasm and prior experience. Overall, there is a tremendous pleasure in working hard with an excellent team."

Top Scope is a simulator-based competition. It presented competing teams with a variety of challenging scenarios set in a NORAD air sovereignty/air defense environment. "It's all about teamwork. We studied a lot and bonded well as a team. We all knew our responsibilities and depended on each other to get the job done," said MSgt. Raymond Hudgens, winner of the Best Battle Director Technician award.

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The scenarios forced competitors to distinguish friendly aircraft from enemies trying to overwhelm them. "We've tried to make this scenario the most challenging ever," said Maj. Luther Allen, Top Scope senior operations judge, who helped create this year's competition. "We've

made it more thought-provoking this year and there's wider participation from units throughout NORAD and the Air Force."

AWACS teams from as far as Alaska competed in Top Scope for the "Yukla 27" trophy. When the dust finally cleared, the 513th ACG came back to Oklahoma with "Yukla 27" gold. Yukla 27 was the call sign of the AWACS aircraft that crashed after takeoff in Alaska in 1995. All aboard were killed. The trophy commemorates the ultimate sacrifice of the joint U.S.-Canadian crew on board the plane.

Top Scope trophies are much sought after by the competing teams, say event organizers, and they were hotly contested again this year — as they have been since the first competition took place in 1963.

"The protection of North American airspace demands skilled military personnel. While technology is critical, our people remain our greatest asset," said Lt-Gen Lou Cuppens, Canadian Forces, NORAD Deputy Commander-in-Chief. "Top Scope '98 is an opportunity for some of the world's very best AWACS and Air Operations Center crews to compete against each other. This competition helps maintain

and improve the standard of excellence Americans and Canadians have come to expect of their NORAD personnel," he said.

AWARDS WINNERS:

Mission Crew Commander - 1st Place
Maj. Mark Nakanishi, 962nd AACS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Mission Crew Commander - 2nd Place
Maj. Chuck Diven, 970th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Battle Director Technician - 1st Place
MSgt. Raymond Hudgens, 552nd Operation Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Battle Director Technician - 2nd Place
SSgt. Rory Thompson, 966th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Senior Director - 1st Place
Capt. Greg Leist, 970th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Senior Director - 2nd Place
Capt. Paul Oldham, 966th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Weapons Director - 1st Place
Capt. George Mayleben, 970th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Weapons Director - 2nd Place
SSgt. James Nelson, 966th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Air Surveillance Officer - 1st Place
Capt. John Woodbeck (Canadian Forces), 962nd AACS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Air Surveillance Officer - 2nd Place
Capt. William "Dell" Robertson, 970th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Air Surveillance Technician - 1st Place
SrA Jonathan Clement, 552nd Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Air Surveillance Technician - 2nd Place
SSgt. Lamond Tate, 970th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.

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Invite your civilian boss to...

Come fly with us

All 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) reservists are invited to nominate their employers for an upcoming Employer Support Orientation Flight, scheduled for Friday, August 7.

Employer support flights are sponsored to help better acquaint business leaders who employ reservists with the mission of the 507th ARW and the Air Force Reserve.

According to Lt. Col. Donald Klinko, 507th ARW Public Affairs Officer and unit representative for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) activities, "The August orientation flight will involve at least one of the 507th ARW's KC-135R 'Stratotanker' aircraft. We are looking to fly roughly 30 employers total."

Reservists may nominate their employers by filling out the nomination form appearing on this page and presenting it to their commander. Because of space limitations, each commander will have a limited number of employers they will be able to select.

"We want this activity to become a yearly event for the 507th Air Refueling Wing," Klinko said. "If we are unable

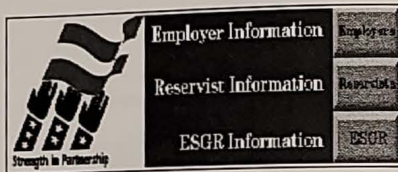
to fly your employer this year, please try again in the future."

Lt. Col. Klinko advised that reservists may also wish to provide additional comments to their commander, informing them why their boss should be

selected for the orientation flight.

The 507th ARW Public Affairs Office is also trying to schedule a concurrent E-3 "Sentry" Employer Support Orientation Flight for the members of the 513th Air Control Group (ACG). Reserve

members of the 513th ACG should also fill in the nomination form on this page and present it to their commander. Tentatively, one E-3 aircraft will be involved in the mission with 8-12 seats available.



Employer Orientation Flight Nomination form

Company's Name _____

Employer's Name _____

Employer's Phone _____

Reservist's Name _____

Reservist's Home Phone _____

Reservist's Duty Phone _____

Reservist's Unit _____



As we journey through our Air Force career, we continually hear about the "big picture." This is a story about a portion of the pie. It is this slice of the pie we are dishing out so we can serve you a view of...

INSIDE THE LINES

with the
507th Mission Support Squadron

By TSgt. Darryl Wingo
507th Mission Support Squadron

The 507th Mission Support Squadron's first and foremost mission is to serve our customers. Our Military Personnel Flight (MPF) assists the entire wing on items such as insurance, DEERS enrollment, ID cards, reenlistments, assignments, promotions, retirements, retention, and many other "people" issues too numerous to mention.

The Personnel in Support of Contingencies (PERSCO), is a team of MPF representatives tasked with supporting deployments. Their duties include in/out processing, enlistments, locating people for the commander, and other duties as required.

Our Education and Training Section works hard at keeping the wing's people informed of education, training and distance learning opportunities in both the military and civilian sectors. We oversee the military testing program to include career development courses and professional education, both military and civilian.

The Services Section provides force "beddown" for our troops at a bare base. Services will prepare a kitchen and dining facility, take care of billeting, mortuary affairs, as well as morale, welfare, and recreation to sustain our people in the field.

The Family Readiness Section is all about people. They assist members and their families in information and referral in areas such as finance, parenting, preventive family violence, and other areas.

The 507th Communications Flight provides valuable services such as Information Systems and communication equipment support. Information Systems provides wing support on publications and forms, file plan compliance, mail services, etc. The Air Reserve Component Adaptive Communications Element (ARC-ACE) provides all the radio and telecommunications support for the 465th Air Refueling Squadron and 507th Air Refueling Wing.

The 507th MSS is commanded by Maj. Mike Miller. The First Sergeant is MSgt. Clyde Hankins. Together, they lead a mission ready squadron into the 21st century.

Shuttle souvenir

By MSgt. Tommy Clapper
507th Civil Engineer Squadron

When the space shuttle stopped over at Tinker AFB last fall it left a souvenir with a member of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. The then TSgt. Jerry Housley from Owasso, Oklahoma, was staying at the Comfort Inn for the UTA. Some other people also staying at the Comfort Inn were the shuttle's maintenance crew.

Housley made friends with the crew at breakfast. The maintenance personnel had many "war stories" to share with Housley. When they asked about him, he informed them of his job as a readiness flight technician with the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron. When the crew departed, they left Housley with a souvenir shuttle patch worn by the crew.

Look at the Oklahoma City phone book and you will see a picture of the shuttle which landed at Tinker AFB.

Everyone has special attributes about themselves that make them outstanding in one way or another. These three people have used their talents and abilities to the fullest, placing them in front of the pack and recognized as the 507th Air Refueling Wings's ...

Top quarterly award winners

By TSgt. Melba Koch
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

MSgt. Liddell Kirk, Jr; TSgt. Kathy E. Lowman, and SrA. John T. Hammons were selected recently as the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) Senior NCO, NCO and Airman of the Quarter for January - March 1998.



MSgt. Liddell Kirk Jr.

MSgt. Liddell Kirk, Jr. is a jet engine mechanic assigned to the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS). He is supervisor of Engine 1 Section, and supervises 12 jet engine mechanics who support jet engine intermediate maintenance on B-1, B-52, KC-135, C-141 and F-111 aircraft. He

coordinated training with the 507th Maintenance Squadron for the CLSS KC-135 jet engine mechanics. "His efforts in maintenance training within the Logistics Group has greatly reduced dependence on outside civilian training sources and overtime," said Lt. Col. Barry Roberts, 507th CLSS commander. "He was also instrumental in developing squadron in-house training capability on TF-33 engines."

Kirk has completed more than 100 undergraduate hours at the University of Central Oklahoma, Rose State College and Cerro Coso Community College. He has completed NCO Leadership Development Program and NCO Academy in-residence.

During his off-duty time, Kirk is a United Parcel Service operations clerk and driver. He is active in his local church and participates in church-related youth activities and various community activities. He is an active member of Air Force Sergeants Association and Air Force Association.

TSgt. Kathy E. Lowman is a boom operator with the 465th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS). She was selected as top performer during several high-visibility missions with civic leaders and during visits by 4th Air Force and Headquarters Air Mobility Command personnel.

"Sergeant Lowman is a superb NCO who helps set the



TSgt. Kathy Lowman

standard with her outstanding dedication and effort," said Lt. Col. James F. Jackson, 465th ARS commander.

During her off-duty time, Lowman plays an active role in local community organizations and churches. She supports Special Olympics, donates hours to raise funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, has been an active member of her church since 1964, and volunteers countless hours at Midwest City Regional Hospital.

Lowman also helps build unit morale by organizing functions within the squadron to raise money for various unit activities. She serves as a squadron speaker and tour guide during wing public affairs sponsored distinguished visitors tours and is a volunteer recruiter and speaker for the unit at local schools.



SrA. John Hammons

Lowman has completed an Associate of Arts degree program at Rose State College. She also completed the Community College of the Air Force with an Aircraft Technician Degree, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Boom Operator Combat Crew Training School.

SrA. John T. Hammons, currently a 4.0 student in Criminal Justice at the University of Central Oklahoma, has been selected as Airman of the Quarter. He is a command

See "Winners," Page 11.

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May 98 Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 01 May 98		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1430	Quarterly Training Review	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm

Sat, 02 May 98	As designated by unit	As designated by unit
Sign in	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0800-1600	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0900-1000	Self Inspection	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0900-1000	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000-1500	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1000	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1030	IG period w/Col Pillar	Bldg 1043, Rm B6, Basement
1300-1400	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400-1500	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1500-1630	As designated by unit	As designated by unit
Sign out		

Sun, 03 May 98	As designated by unit	As designated by unit
Sign in	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
0730-0800	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-0930	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0730-1200	Additional Duty Safety Rep Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0815-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
0800-0900	Personnel Computer Training	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0930-1030	Career Advisor's Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sign out	As designated by unit	As designated by unit

HOT TOPICS

- ✓ **Drug Testing:** You must report within two hours of notification
- ✓ **Check out the wing's best CDC Performers on page A-3**
- ✓ **It's still not TOO late to sign-up for the 507th ARW NCOLDP Class.** Dates and details are on page A3.
- ✓ **Just a reminder that HQ AFRC is offering 2 quotas for Airman Leadership School on 07 Jul-07 Aug, 24 Aug-25 Sept. This is for all AFRES.** See your Unit Training Manager or call X47075.
- ✓ **CDC Testing is accomplished at 0800 on Sundays of the (main) UTA.** You do not have to schedule it; just show up at 0800 at Bldg 460 (the active duty HQ), Room 213. You need to enter through the South East corner door. If you can not make it, our Education Office also tests on Wednesdays. You DO need to schedule this one 24-hours ahead.

Training Planner

LONG RANGE CALENDAR

May 98	
01-03	CLSS Off-UTA
02-03	UTA; LG B & D Group Unit Safety Rep Tng
04-08	NCOLDP Phase I
09-10	LG: A Group UTA
16-30	507 CES AT Rhein-Main AB, Germany
25	Memorial Day Observed
June 98	
01-05	NCOLDP Phase II
05	(11:00) Graduation: OPS Brief Rm
01-14	507 SFS AT Ft Worth, Texas
06-07	LG UTA: A & D Group Supervisor Safety Tng
06	Blood Drive
06-20	CLSS AT Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
07-13	CES Fire Fighters Silver Flag
13-14	LG: B Group UTA
13-27	CES AT Rhein-Main, Germany
13-27	CLSS AT Nellis, March, Luke
20-21	Quality Awareness Tng
19-01 Jul	PRIME RIBS AT, Kansas City
21-27	707 CF AT Cannon AFB, N.M.
30	75% of Funds Obligated
July 98	
04	INDEPENDENCE DAY
11-12	UTA (All LG Groups too)
	HAZCOM Tng
17-31	PRIME RIBS AT (Syracuse, N.Y.)
25Jul-8 Aug	507 CLSS AT Anderson AFB, Guam-B-52 Team Eielson AFB, AK-KC-135 Team
31	80% Funds obligated
Aug 98	
01-02	UTA (CLSS Off-Station)
02	Unit Safety Rep Tng
07-09	CLSS Off-Station UTA
15-16	Quality Awareness Training
22-5 Sep	CLSS AT Eielson AFB, Alaska
Sept 98	
05	Unfunded/Excess funds to AFRC
12-13	UTA
13	Supervisor Safety Tng
19	Air Force Marathon (WP AFB, Ohio)
FY 98 Revised UTA Schedule	
06-07 JUN 98	08-09 AUG 98
11-12 JUL 98	12-13 SEP98
as of 21 Apr 98	

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Sign out	As designated by unit	As designated by unit

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

Phase I	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Sunday	0900-0945	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1000-1115	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP
Sunday	1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

"When in deep water,
become a diver..."
Ralph Blum
"The Book of Runes"

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers' Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness

Units may schedule Chemical Warfare training, by-name, throughout the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT one UTA prior to requested class date. Ensure all personnel bring their "go-bag," including gas mask and chemical warfare ensemble to all classes. It is imperative that classes start on time. Anyone arriving late will be reported as a no-show.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Bring gas mask eyeglass inserts if you have them. In addition, please be aware that contact lenses can not be worn during this training.

The Wing's BEST

Col. Martin Mazick, 507th ARW Commander, and the rest of the unit wishes to recognize the following individuals for their superior performance on their CDC testing. Having scored a 90 or above you have truly excelled in the Core Value: Service Before Self. WELL DONE!!!

For FY 97

Name	Unit	Score	For FY 98	
Gregory Cox	CES	92	Jermaine Boyd	513 AGS 90
Ricardo Guevara	OSF	90	Jennifer Johnson	MSS 93
John Hammons	ARW	90	Rickey Lawrence	MSS 94
Larry Jackson	513 MS	93	Gail Swert	MEDS 94
Sharon Lochman	MSS	92	Douglas Stober	CES 90
Bryan McFarland	513 AGS	94	Jimmy Thompson	AGS 92
Gail Swert	MEDS	96		
Elder Wright	CES	91		

NCO Leadership Development Program Dates & Quotas

The NCO Leadership Development Program is a great way for SRA (who have completed course 0001) through MSGts to continue their professional development in a classroom environment. Just as technology and philosophies continue to change, so must leadership skills. Although it may seem that computers and machines will someday replace humans in the work place, they will never be able to replace our need to relate to each other. This fast-paced, information-packed, two-week course is provided in two one-week phases. This makes it optimum for reservists to attend classroom instruction hopefully without too much conflict with their civilian schedules.

If this isn't enough to encourage you to attend, you get two college credit hours in Management for attending. This can be applied to your CCAF or civilian degree. Interested yet? If so, see your Training Manager to see if you are eligible and/or to sign up. Here is the schedule and the quotas for each unit:

Class 98B (phase I): M-F 04-08 May 98 (phase II): M-F 01-05 June 98

507 ARW - 1 quota	507 SFS - 1 quota	507 LG - 0 quota
507 SG - 0 quota	507 OG - 0 quota	507 LSS - 1 quota
507 CF - 0 quota	507 OSF - 1 quota	507 MS - 2 quotas
507 CES - 2 quotas	72 APS - 2 quotas	507 CLSS - 1 quota
507 MED SQ - 1 quota	465 ARS - 1 quota	507 AGS - 2 quotas
507 MSS - 1 quota	513 OSS - 0 quota	513 MS - 2 quotas
513 AGS - 1 quota	970 AACs - 1 quota	707 CG - 0 quota

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 98 NCO Academy In-Residence class dates. Staff Sergeants with 8 years satisfactory service, and Technical Sergeants are eligible to attend. Please contact your Unit Training Manager or supervisor to initiate your application. Applications must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT and received NLT 60 days prior to class start date.

Class	Quota(s)	Dates	Location
98-6	1	03 Aug-10 Sep 98	Goodfellow AFB

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If you're not
sure where you
are going, you
are liable to
end up some
place else

Robert Mace

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 5 or 0 you have until 30 Jun 1998 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. **NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.**

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
05 May	13 May
07 May	15 May
12 May	20 May
14 May	22 May
18 May	27 May
20 May	01 Jun
26 May	03 Jun
28 May	05 Jun
02 Jun	10 Jun
04 Jun	12 Jun

Planning and Developing Training

The classic Instructional Systems Design

Instructional Systems Design (ISD), originally developed by and for the military, is based on the belief that training is most effective when it provides learners with:

- * a clear statement of what they (the trainees) must be able to do as a result of training, and
- * how their (the trainees) performance will be evaluated.

The program is then designed to teach the skills through:

- * hands-on practice, or
- * performed-based instruction

The Foundation

In order to have a sound foundation for training, effective planning must take place. The tasks on the training standards are the specific items trainees must learn. When the task is difficult and there is no written guidance, it is advisable to write an objective and develop a task breakdown. Planning and developing training includes:

Developing Objectives

- * Identifying methods
- * Developing a task breakdown, and
- * Identifying media

The Objective

A criterion objective is a statement of exactly what action the trainee must demonstrate during the final evaluation. It includes three parts:

- * **Behavior**- what the trainee needs to know or perform at the end of the training (this is the actual task).
- * **Condition**- identifies the situation the trainee must perform under, what is given or denied (e.g., equipment, supplies, references).
- * **Standard**- defines the criteria for acceptable performance; how well or accurately the trainee must perform (e.g., qualitative or quantitative).

It can also include the supporting knowledge and skills. A well written objective lets everyone know what is expected and required, and has the same meaning to all.

Do And Don't Verbs

Avoid words or phrases that can easily be misinterpreted or are too vague, such as:

- * understand
- * grasp
- * believe
- * internalize
- * have faith in
- * fully appreciate

Use specific action verbs that describe what the performer is doing; such as:

- * write
- * identify
- * solve
- * construct
- * compare
- * contrast

These words describe actions you can see, while passive ones describe internal abstract conditions that must be inferred from a performance. To find out if someone understands something, you'd have to observe and question or test them.

Experts Agree

Writing effective objectives comes down to making sure that you are making a connection between the objective you are writing, the actual task you are performing, and past work experiences. ISD cannot be accomplished through waving a magic wand in the work center and "POOF," it's done. It takes a great deal of planning, creative thinking, painstaking effort on many peoples' behalf if the goal of having an effective training program is ever going to get met. The starting point is writing solid objectives in which all other training is built and improved upon.

Task

Write an article for your Training Planner!

Objective

Given a computer with a word processing program on it, write an article, that has been spell checked, dealing with any current training issue you feel needs to be addressed and send it via e-mail or in a holy joe, or hand carry it to the Wing Education & Training Office by the third week of each month.

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The Air Force Reserve at Tinker AFB: The Korean War Mobilization

(The following is the third in a series of articles about the history of the Air Force Reserve at Tinker AFB.)

By Lt. Col. Donald W. Klinko
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The 323d Bombardment Wing's being declared a "Class A" combat unit, fully capable of immediate mobilization in wartime, occurred almost simultaneously with North Korea's invasion of South Korea, which immediately precipitated the "Korean Police Action" on the part of the United States and its allies. Having had little experience with the employment of reserve forces in such short-notice contingency operations, the newly-created Department of Defense seemed at a loss for guidance as to how federal reserve and National Guard units should react to the situation. Compounding the problem was the assumption, widely held by many since the end of World War II, that conventional land warfare had been rendered unthinkable with the advent of atomic weapons and the US Air Force's monopoly of them. The Korean War, as it soon came to be called, was the first conflict to demonstrate that, despite the United States' nuclear monopoly, conventional warfare was eminently "thinkable" for many a petty tyrant and that well-trained conventional (i.e., non-nuclear) fighting forces were therefore still very necessary.

The US Defense Department's collective thinking on whether or not to mobilize its reserve forces fluctuated according to the progress of the Korean War. When North Korea's initial attack of 25 June 1950 occurred, most American troops had been withdrawn from South Korea for nearly a year. Only a handful of advisors remained on the peninsula. On the order of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief Far East, small, hastily assembled contingents of US Army troops were rushed from occupation duties in Japan to bolster the fledgling South Korean armed forces. Better trained and equipped for occupation duty than combat, these US troops and their South Korean allies were quickly overwhelmed by the North Korean advance, and pushed back to the "Pusan Perimeter" at the peninsula's southern tip by late July. Then, on 15 September, with considerable advanced help from the Far East Air Force, General MacArthur was able to effect a large-scale amphibious landing at the port of Inchon. These troops, aided by those who broke out of the Pusan Perimeter, began pursuing the demoralized North Koreans back up the peninsula, ejecting them from South Korea and, by the latter weeks of 1950, had pushed them nearly across the Yalu River,

North Korea's border with the People's Republic of China. It seemed the "Korean Police Action" would soon be over.

The 323d Bombardment Wing was not immediately ordered to extended active duty as a result of the North Korean aggression, but both its reserve members and its regular Air Force advisers considered such a recall at least highly probable. Two Air Force Reserve wings—the 437th Troop Carrier Wing and the 452nd Bombardment Wing (Light)—had been ordered to active duty within two weeks after the North Korean invasion. Some 323d Bombardment Wing members aggressively sought activation, no doubt wanting to prove that reservists could do the job in times of crisis. Procedures were published to accommodate those seeking such voluntary recall to active duty. Just how many volunteers left the unit for active duty is uncertain, but the 2952 Air Force Reserve Training Center's (AFRTC) official history makes specific mention of emergency clothing and equipment issues to recalled reservists, particularly during July 1950. Sixteen of the wing's best pilots were involuntarily recalled to active duty in August to serve as B-26 instructor pilots at the Combat Crew Training School, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

For some 323d Bombardment Wing reservists, the Air Force's lack of experience with sudden reserve mobilizations produced utter chaos. Apparently stemming from the misguided zeal of someone at Headquarters Fourteenth Air Force, some wing members received mobilization orders and acted—they thought—appropriately before being informed that the orders were invalid. A letter of clarification was issued by Headquarters 323d Bombardment Wing on 13 August 1950 with the hope of preventing any further unnecessary hardships for the wing's reservists. It read, in part:

Recently, Special Orders, 14th Air Force, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, were received by Reserve Members of this organization ordering them to active duty with the United States Air Force.

Many others will, no doubt, receive like orders. Should you be one of them, do not, repeat, do not act impetuously. It will take just a few minutes to call Wing Headquarters (Ext 743) for verification of these orders.

In some instances men have given up their jobs, sold their homes, sent their families home to mother and even sold out their businesses needlessly. A phone call to the 323 Bomb Wing Hqs would have made these happenings unnecessary. For these orders were re-

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voked and the men did not have to report for active duty.

As long as you are a member of the Organized Air Reserves, (and that's just what you are as long as you maintain an active part in your present Organizational Training Periods), you will not be subject to recall to active duty at the present time.

This is by no means an assurance of future protection against recall.

Nor were people the only resources the active force—including those reserve units already activated—coveted to support their response to the Korean contingency. They wanted more B-26 aircraft, too. The 323d Bombardment Wing was ordered to relinquish six of its B-26 bombers to the active force between 1 July and 30 September 1950. These actions reduced the wing's inventory of primary combat aircraft from a high of 19 B-26 aircraft at the outbreak of hostilities to just 13 by the end of September. As B-26s were the first bombardment aircraft used in the Korean War, and remained in heavy use for its duration, a spare parts shortage for these aircraft developed very quickly. Because, as was mentioned earlier, the Department of Defense thought a conventional land war of any duration rather unlikely, only minimal effort had been made to stockpile spare parts for aircraft such as the B-26. What comparatively meager stocks of aircraft spare parts that did exist were naturally dedicated to supporting combat, rather than training, commitments. The 323d Bombardment Wing's official history for the first months of the Korean War aptly summarizes the problem:

One of the principal difficulties encountered by the maintenance section during July, August, and September was a shortage of parts and supplies. Due to the increasing demand for parts in the Far East, many items which normally are in good supply have been almost unattainable, and items which were ordinarily hard to get became non-existent. Three B-26s were AOC [aircraft out-of-commission for parts] by the end of September, and the problem of maintaining a 75 percent average for aircraft in commission has become increasingly difficult.

The 2592d AFRTC active duty cadre adopted a seven-day work week in July to develop plans for the anticipated mobilization and make certain that all reservists' records were in order should it occur. The 2592d AFRTC had done its previous job well—so well, in fact, that its designated mission changed as a result of the 323d Bombardment Wing being declared ready for mobilization. Until September 1950, the 2592d AFRTC's mandated mission had been to "administer and train the 323d Bombardment Wing (L)." In accordance with Fourteenth Air Force Regulation 24-15, published 20

September 1950, the active duty training center cadre was directed to subsequently "support and advise the 323rd Bombardment Wing (L)." In other words, higher headquarters had recognized that the 323d Bombardment Wing's reservists were, for the most part, entirely capable of taking care of their own affairs, and that they knew well enough to ask for support and advice from the active duty cadre when they needed it.

The outbreak of hostilities in Korea occasioned the most intensive training regimen in the history of the 323d Bombardment Wing. Wing aircrews had already logged well over 5,000 flying hours during their annual tour at Eglin Air Force Base, which lasted from late June until early July 1950. A grueling bombardment training schedule began on 15 July 1950, and continued unabated each weekend through December. When the weather cooperated—and it usually did during the summer and early autumn of that year—AT-11 aircraft were up-loaded with 100-pound practice bombs at Tinker Air Force Base on Saturday mornings, from which station they flew to the Fort Sill artillery range to practice medium-altitude bombing. Sundays were reserved for B-26 low altitude bombing, skip bombing, and strafing attacks at the Fort Sill range. During one fairly typical weekend of the period (19-20 August 1950), the wing dropped 133 practice bombs and expended 4,534 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition on the Fort Sill range. All this activity also demanded some accommodation from the host base. Tinker Air Force Base air traffic controllers, who were accustomed to a casual, steady flow of takeoffs and landings of transient aircraft and those due depot-level maintenance, suddenly had to contend with launching and recovering entire formations of bombardment aircraft. Monthly hours flown on all types of aircraft rose to over 1,600 for the month of September 1950, decreasing somewhat as the weather changed for the worse. During bad weather, armament and maintenance personnel continued with their usual training, while aircrews simulated bombing and strafing attacks in Link flight trainers and flexible gunnery training devices.

In late November 1950, the Chinese struck. Unnerved by the presence of an American army and numerous other United Nations (UN) troops on their border, what those forces had just done to their North Korean allies, and General MacArthur's public pronouncements about what ought to be done about "Reds" in general, the Chinese Communists launched an enormous preemptive attack. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese troops stormed across the Yalu River, their "human wave" assaults trapping some UN forces, annihilating others, and hurling the remainder back down the Korean peninsula until a defensive line was established below the 38th parallel. General MacArthur informed President Harry S. Truman that, as a result of the disastrous Chinese intervention, "we face an

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entirely new war." The President responded by issuing a declaration of national emergency on 15 December 1950, one provision of which was an accelerated call-up of reserve forces.

The result in America was what might best be termed a "spasm mobilization" of the majority of reserve units. The 323d Bombardment Wing was notified on 20 January 1951 that it would be mobilized for not less than 21 months of extended active duty to begin 10 March 1951. Although lacking some of its equipment and personnel due to the earlier piecemeal recalls to active duty and the active force's commandeering of aircraft and spare parts, the unit prepared to comply with its mobilization order as best it could.

On 17 March 1951, while still at Tinker Air Force Base awaiting transportation arrangements to be made, the 323d Bombardment Wing members were stunned by the announcement that their wing and all its subordinate units were to be summarily inactivated. As the embittered 323d Bombardment Wing historian wrote, the regular Air Force thought the now understrength unit could best be used as a manpower pool. He mentioned that the mobilization of Oklahoma's well known 45th Infantry Division as an intact unit, and their widely publicized slogan did not help the morale of many in his unit:

Typical comments from airmen and officers alike included regret that one could not leave with his fellows and his associates of several months, even years, in many cases. Perhaps the radio and press recruiting slogan of the recently reactivated 45th Division—"Go with the Men you Know!," had conditioned the thinking of members of the 323rd, who wanted to do as the 45th had done.

The 2592d Air Force Reserve Training Center was inactivated on 1 August 1952 when it was announced that the reserve wing would not be reactivated at Tinker Air Force Base. While the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area maintained

several Air Materiel Command reserve programs at Tinker Air Force Base, the installation would not have another reserve flying unit until the 1956 activation of the 69th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium).

Although the unit they had built was summarily disbanded, with friends and companions scattered about the globe, the former members of the 323d Bombardment Wing provided trained personnel to dozens of US Air Force organizations, in Korea and many other locations. In the end, they evidently "saluted smartly" and reasoned that theirs, after all, had been the lot of America's citizen soldiers since before the American Revolution—to quickly go where they were needed most. As always, the men of the 323d Bombardment Wing were part of a much larger picture. Most of the Air Force Reserve operational flying units activated after President Truman's declaration of a national emergency were quickly inactivated so their personnel could be reassigned to other units. In view of the performance of those Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units that went to the Korean theater and elsewhere intact, 323d Bombardment Wing members would likely have better contributed to the crisis at hand had their unit remained intact. They had been formed into an operational unit for a specific reason, to train together in order to fight together.

The 323d Bombardment Wing's Korean War trials may very well be especially relevant now, as the post-Cold War reduction in military expenditures dictates vastly increased reliance on the nation's ready reserve forces.

Did you know...

workplace injuries within the wing have been reduced 43 percent compared to this time last year, according to the 507th Air Refueling Wing Safety Office.

KEEP PRACTICING GOOD SAFETY.

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post controller with the 507th ARW. Hammons performs command and control actions during the execution phase of emergency war orders, emergency plans, operation orders and operation plans. He monitors aircraft, flights, and mission status. Hammons coordinates air operation functions with on and off-base agencies such as aircraft maintenance, transient alert, crash and rescue, weather, hospital,

Federal Aviation Administration facilities, law-enforcement agencies, and other military installations. He was chosen to be a member of the command post deployment team during the March 1997 Operational Readiness Inspection.

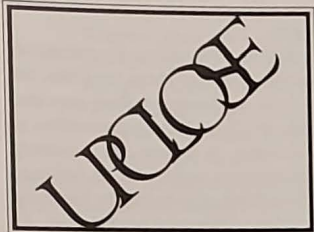
"Airman Hammons' selfless sacrifice of personal time and devotion to duty played a vital role in the command post's ability to sustain 18-hour operations and SIOP alert commitment during a period of severe manning," said Capt. Philip J. Crouch, 507th ARW chief of Command and Control. Hammons was a distinguished

graduate from Air Force Command and Control Technical School and an outstanding graduate from 5-level school. He is an active member of his local church and represented the 507th ARW Headquarters section by sponsoring a needy family during the Christmas season by providing and delivering Christmas meals and gifts.

Hammons projects a professional military image in his community. "Airman Hammons displays impeccable military bearing, dress, and appearance. He practices appropriate military customs and courtesies at all times while on duty," said Crouch.

People

A personal look at some of our unit members and their reasons why they like being an Air Force Reservist with the 507th Air Refueling Wing.



Sgt. Mike A. Miller, 507th CES
Reserve Job: Heavy Equipment Technician
Civilian Job: Heavy equipment maintenance for local paper recycling company
Reason he likes the Reserve: "The extra income helps."



MSgt. Joe R. Normandin, 507th CES
Reserve Job: Equipment Supervisor
Civilian Job: Fuel Control Test Supervisor
Reason he likes the Reserve: "The travel opportunities"
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TSgt. Matthew J. Diggs, 507th CES
Reserve Job: Electrician
Civilian Job: Equipment maintenance with Southern Oklahoma Firm
Reason he likes the Reserve: "I like the camaraderie and truly believe in what we're doing and stand for."



SSgt. Ken D. Miller, 507th CES
Reserve Job: Pest control
Civilian Job: Works for Hertz reservations
Reason he likes the Reserve: "I like the Air Force, the camaraderie is good, and I like serving my country."



SrA Gregory S. Cavet, 507th CES
Reserve Job: Utilities Systems Journeyman
Civilian Job: Maintenance worker

Reason he likes the Reserve: "Provides me another opportunity to see places. I like the 'short' tours."



SSgt. Donna C. Rednose, 507th Med Sq.
Reserve Job: Health Services Management, Medical Readiness NCO
Civilian Job: "In-between jobs." Moving to Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska as IMA at to seek civilian job in medical administration
Reason she likes the Reserve: "I had nine years active duty service, and working to get retirement. I enjoy the military and working at the hospital."



TSgt. Kim Hardy, 507th Med. Sq.
Reserve Job: Health Services Management, Administrative Services NCOIC
Civilian Job: Administrative Specialist, Flight Services at Altus AFB, OK
Reason she likes the Reserve: "I like the sense of belonging and team work. Also the sense of pride and accomplishment in what I do."

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Reservists lend a hand

By Capt. Rich Curry
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

Base Education employees and others using the parking lot outside Building 201 arrived at work Apr. 6 to a completely refurbished parking lot, thanks to members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron.

According to MSgt. Thomas Irwin, superintendent of the Reserve Civil Engineer unit, "Last week, I was working at my civilian job on base with the Base Civil Engineers and my supervisor state he was bringing in some active duty members to work on the parking lot project during the weekend. I told him we were having a unit drill during that time and volunteered my team to do the job instead."

Irwin said the project involved bringing in gravel to level out the pot holes and straighten out the sectional curbing blocks in the lot.

"This was great training for my team," Irwin said. "We had the opportunity to operate heavy equipment and at the same time help out here on base."

Medical Squadron gains two new colonels



Photo by Capt. Rich Curry

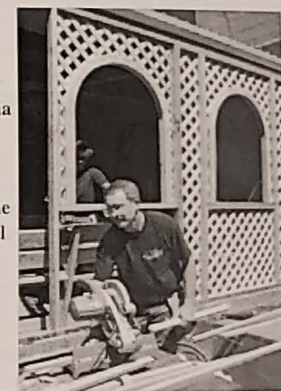
(Left) Col. Laura Talbot, chief nurse of the 507th Medical Squadron, and (right) Col. Steve Gentling, commander of the 507th Medical Squadron, stand with Col. Martin Mazick, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, were promoted to the rank of colonel during their pin-on ceremony last month.

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Snapshots



507th Civil Engineer Squadron gives base students a smooth ride. See story on this page.



MSgt. Andy May and TSgt. Delonna Fowser, of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, supported the 513th Air Control Group during a recent self-help renovation project.



Members of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron proved they could get the job done to inspectors from 15th Air Force during a recent Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit.

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This summary is designed to give the reader a brief look at some Air Force events which have occurred during the month.

AFRC celebrates 50th, receives birthday wishes

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – With Air Force Reserve Command's 50th anniversary recognized by presidential message and written into the Congressional Record, command officials in the Pentagon and here celebrated the birthday with cake April 14.

Although the Reserve traces its roots to the National Defense Act of June 1916, it was not until April 14, 1948, that it was established as a separate Air Force component.

The commander-in-chief of the U.S. military has extended a birthday wish to the Air Force Reserve. In a March 20 White House letter, President Clinton saluted the men and women of Air Force Reserve Command and thanked them on behalf of a grateful nation for all they've done "to preserve America's security and to promote world peace."

First female flying wing commander transfers

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Col. Betty L. Mullis, 940th Air Refueling Wing commander at Beale AFB, Calif., becomes mobilization assistant to the Air War College commandant at Maxwell AFB, Ala., effective April 15.

Col. Thomas M. Gisler, Jr., 940th ARW vice commander and senior air reserve technician, replaces Mullis, who made Air Force history in May 1996 when she became the first woman to command a flying wing.

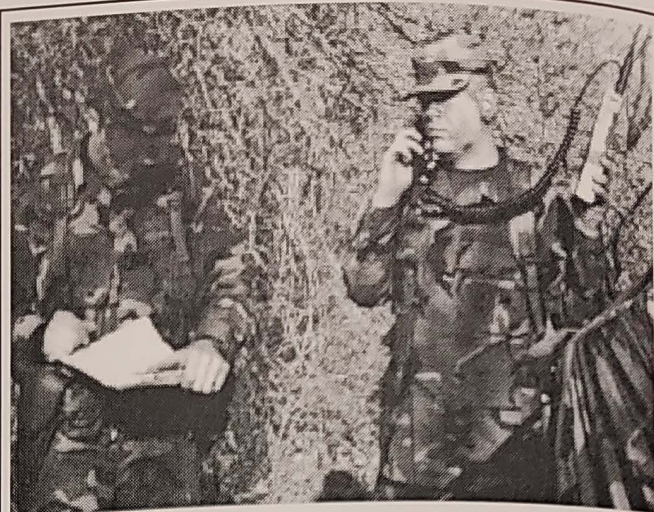
Most Air Force transportation awards roll to Reserve

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Air Force Reserve Command nominated four reservists and three units for Air Force air reserve component transportation awards for 1997 and hauled off all seven awards.

Reserve launches Fighter Reserve Associate Test

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Retaining more experienced aircrews and maintenance people is the goal of Air Force Reserve Command's new Fighter Reserve Associate Test (FRAT) program. Starting in April at Shaw AFB, S.C., the program is a joint Air Combat Command and AFRC initiative aimed at strengthening the total force.

The FRAT program works under the same principles as other Reserve associate programs in which reservists maintain and fly active-force aircraft such as tankers and airlifters. The three-year test was directed by the Air Force chief of staff to evaluate the merits of adding fighter aircraft to the associate program and determine if the concept should be expanded.



SSgt. Ronzil Starcher and SrA. Joel Zimmerman of the 507th Security Forces Squadron practice communication techniques with troops in defensive fighting positions during their field training exercise last month.



May



May 18, 1980: Several Air Force Reserve units contributed aircraft, maintenance, communications, and rescue support following the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

May 10, 1989: Air Force Reserve units were called upon to participate in Operation Nimrod Dancer, the airlift of military personnel and equipment to Panama. Over a five-day period, seven Air Force Reserve strategic airlift units transported more than 750 passengers and 660 tons of cargo.

May 7-8, 1992: The Command Band of the Air Force Reserve performed on Russian television and marched in the Peace Victory Parade in Red Square during the first visit of a United States military band to the Russian capital.




May 6, 1994: 1Lt. Leslie Deann Crosby became the Air Force Reserve's first female fighter pilot when she graduated from the Air National Guard's F-16 training course in Tucson, Ariz.

May 5, 1996: Col. Betty L. Mullis, a traditional reservist, accepted command of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, McClellan AFB, Calif. She was the first woman to command an Air Force flying wing.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Data/Information due to CCX 3 Jun for Pre UTA	2	3 	4	5 PRE-UTA Performance Review	6 UTA Blood Drive •LG A&D Groups •Supervisor Safety Training
	AFRC NCO Leadership Development Class -- Phase II 1-5 Jun					
	507 SFS to Ft Worth, TX 1-14 Jun					
7 •LG A&D Groups •Supervisor Safety Training •MPF In House Trng 0730-0930	8	9 MPF In House Training 0730-1030	10 SLC Business Meeting	11	12	13 Quality Awareness Training LG B Group CES & CLSS AT Deployment
507 SFS to Ft Worth, TX 1-14 Jun; 507 CES Fire Fighters Silver Flag 7-13 Jun 507 CLSS AT Ellsworth AFB & Andrews AFB 6-20 Jun						
14  Flag Day Quality Awareness Training LG B Group	15	16	17	18	19	20
507 CES AT Rhine-Mein 13-27 Jun; 507 CLSS AT Ellsworth & Andrews 6-20 Jun 507 CLSS AT Nellis, March, & Luke 13-27 Jun						
21  Father's Day Summer	22	23	24 SLC Planning Meeting	25 \$\$\$\$\$ Resource Advisors provide 4th Qtr loads/updates	26	27
507 CES AT Rhine-Mein 13-27 Jun; 507 CLSS AT Nellis, March, & Luke 13-27 Jun 507 SVS PRIME RIBS AT Kansas City 19 Jun - 1 Jul; 707 Comm AT Cannon AFB, NM 21-27 Jun						
28	29	30	\$\$\$\$\$ Must have 75% of funds obligated by 30 June			
507 SVS PRIME RIBS AT Kansas City 19 Jun - 1 Jul						

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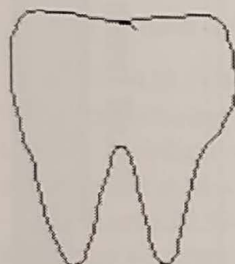
Where you can go

Air Reserve Personnel Center has a website for information on Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard entitlements. The web address is: <http://www.arpc.org/subjects/entitle.htm>

You need to be shot?

Immunizations are given 0830 - 1100, Saturday morning of the UTA. Immunizations are being given in the old Immunization Clinic which is now Internal Medicine.

Dental's Services goal



The 507th Medical Squadron's Dental Services' goal is to help reservists keep healthy teeth for life.

It is recommended that everyone see their dentist every six months for a preventive exam, X-ray, and a cleaning. Also recommended is using a soft tooth brush and flossing at least once a day. For more information, call TSgt. Rhonda Nolan at 4-2587 or call 1-800-211-3614 for Reserve Dental Insurance information.

Leave donations needed

SSgt. Michelle Carlross, air reserve technician management assistant for the 507th Communications Flight, will be undergoing surgery which will require about six weeks of convalescent leave.

If you wish to donate annual leave please call SMSgt. Dave Hernandez, supervisor of the 507th Communications Flight, at x4-5102, to obtain/turn-in donation forms.

Free mammograms

Free mammograms will be given by the Oklahoma Breast Care Center May 11 in the parking lot of Building 3001 to military females.

The 507th Medical Squadron is required to maintain a copy of a baseline mammogram on all female reservists over the age of 40. If you get a mammogram exam, please bring a copy of the results to the 507th Medical Squadron to be filed.

For more information call 755-2273 or 1-800-422-4626 or call SMSgt. Hiroko Yates at 734-4445 or MSgt. Micky Vickers at 734-3151.

Congratulations!

The following have been promoted during April's PEP selection board.

MSgt. Michael McCarty
507th Support Group

MSgt. Mark Scherber
507th Medical Squadron

TSgt. Gary Berry
507th Maintenance Squadron

Help unit recruiters by giving them a name, or contact them directly by calling any of the following numbers:

Tinker AFB, OK

MSgt. Al Garza
(405) 734-5331

Tinker In-Service Recruiter

TSgt. Eric Glick
(405) 739-2980

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith
TSgt. Larry Wheatley
SSgt. Jody Sutton
(405) 733-9403

Tulsa, OK

MSgt. Michael Lugrand
(918) 665-2300

Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Larry Giles
(940) 676-3382

Lawton, OK

TSgt. Larry Wheatley
(405) 357-2784

McConnell AFB, KS

MSgt. Terry Gosh
(316) 652-4350
MSgt. Lester Shaw
(316) 652-3766

Vance AFB, OK

MSgt. Terry Gosh
(316) 652-4350

Congressional Staffers participate in...

Reopening of 507th ARW ramp

Congressional Staff members on staircase are joined by members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) after an air refueling flight. They were passengers on the first jet to taxi onto the 507th ARW's ramp after more than two years of reinforcing concrete and adding a fuel storage and pumping system to support the KC-135R "Stratotanker" aircraft.

